

Claims

I claim:

5 1. A method for providing verified information regarding a trait of an applicant seeking employment by submitting an application, comprising the steps of a first recipient:

- (a) receiving an application from an applicant seeking employment;
- (b) providing a means by which said applicant requests that investigational activities be conducted to yield results concerning said trait;
- (c) receiving said results of said investigational activities; and
- (d) associating with said application a distinguishing marker corresponding to said results of said investigational activities.

10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said request that investigational activities be conducted is communicated by said applicant electronically.

15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said request that investigational activities be conducted is submitted by said first recipient to a second recipient.

20 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said means by which applicant requests investigational activities further comprises an electronic hyperlink to said second recipient.

5 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said results of said investigational activities are received electronically.

6 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said distinguishing marker is associated with said application electronically.

25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said request that investigational activities be conducted is communicated electronically from said first recipient to a second recipient, and said results of said investigational activities are received by said first recipient from said second recipient.

8. A system for providing verified information regarding a trait of an applicant seeking employment by submitting an online application, comprising:

- (a) means for a first recipient to receive an electronic application from an applicant seeking employment;
- 5 (b) means by which said applicant electronically requests that investigational activities be conducted to yield verified results concerning said trait;
- (c) means for receiving said results of said investigational activities; and
- 10 (d) means for associating with said application a distinguishing marker corresponding to said results of said investigational activities.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein said means by which applicant electronically requests that investigational activities be conducted comprises an online registration form which is completed by said applicant and submitted electronically.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein said completed online registration form is submitted by said first recipient to a second recipient.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein said means by which applicant electronically requests that said investigational activities be conducted further comprises an electronic hyperlink to said second recipient.

20 12. The system of claim 8, wherein said results of said investigational activities are received electronically.

13. The system of claim 8, wherein said distinguishing marker is associated with said application electronically.

25 14. The system of claim 8, wherein said request that investigational activities be conducted is communicated electronically from said first recipient to a second recipient, and said results of said investigational activities are received by said first recipient from said second recipient.

15. A method for certifying information regarding a trait of an applicant seeking employment by submitting an online application, comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) a first party receiving from a second party a request that said first party perform investigational activities, said applicant having previously sent an electronic application seeking employment to said first party and requested that investigational activities be conducted;
- 10 (b) said first party performing said investigational activities to yield results;
- (c) said first party communicating said results to said applicant; and
- (d) said first party determining whether applicant wishes to have an identifying symbol associated with said application to reflect said results.

15. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:

- (e) said first party communicating said results to said second party.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:

- (e) said first party associating an identifying symbol with said application to reflect said results.

20. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:

- (f) said first party electronically transmitting to said second party said application, said application having said identifying symbol associated therewith.

25. The method of claim 15, wherein said electronic request that said first party conduct investigational activities includes an electronic hyperlink from said second party to said first party.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein said distinguishing marker comprises means for electronically presenting information gathered during investigational activities.